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At seven o'clock I walked from New College to the Oxford Union for dinner. My hosts were Colin Craig, President of the Oxford University Conservative Association, and Malcolm Rainbow, Chairman of the University Labour Club.

A joint meeting of these two clubs and the University Liberal Club was held at Regent's Park College, with me as guest speaker. The police expected some demonstrators, but, as it was raining, there were few on hand.

I spoke without notes for half an hour, on American Foreign Policy, a consecutive if not well-articulated disquisition, before undergoing interrogation for 45 minutes. The questions were, as always, hostile, posed by the small minority in the audience opposed to our policies. Some were critical of our actions in Cuba, others of non-recognition of Communist China, of interference in Southeast Asia, of recognizing dictatorships, of bad treatment of negroes, and of our other fancied sins and mistakes, external or internal. This makes for a stimulating evening.

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I motored from the meeting about 35 miles to the Michael Astors'. Their place, Bruern, is lovely, with a well planned garden, featured by magnificent yews, and a house whose decorations, furniture, pictures I thought notable. Pandora, Michael and E were still up, so we had whisky and a talk.

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Influx of guests this morning. Sir Fitzroy and Lady McLean, Diana Cooper, Mr. Peter Shaffer Mr. Millais (a sporting artist), Elizabeth Winn (the playwright), and children almost beyond counting.

Most of the men went shooting. I took an effete walk, not sorry, for once, that my offending left biceps prevented me from participating, since it was raining hard. They had a good morning, with fifty ducks and thirty pheasants, and [redacted] promise of more this afternoon.

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